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Cancer defeated by Propolis, Honey & Sauerkraut Juice

Avenues to healing are a matter of personal preference. However, when it comes to advanced cancer, few would renounce the routine methods such as chemotherapy and radiation exposure and resort to alternative cancer treatments. Professor Yanaki Karadzhov from Bulgaria is among those few. When 21 years ago he was recommended a chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed with Colon Cancer, he flatly excluded such an option, resorting to a treatment after his own recipe.

Up until the present day, being 81 years of age, the Bulgarian microbiologist, ecologist and apitherapist keeps working actively, looking for ways to prolong human life and strengthen people's immune system. The sauerkraut juice prepared according to his recipe helps not only cancer patients, but healthy individuals as well, boost their immunity and prevent a number of other diseases.

While describing Prof. Karadzhov's curative „trio” - propolis, honey and sauerkraut juice, what comes to mind spontaneously is the memory of the English navigator James Cook /1728-1779/, who would encourage his crew to eat sauerkraut for better health. Back then the insidious disease of scurvy was defeated by sauerkraut because of the high level of vitamin C in its content. Nowadays probably yet another battle with one of the most insidious diseases of our time is about to be won.

This time, however, this is a battle of the sauerkraut juice in combination with propolis and honey as strong immunomodulatory agents. To those who have the courage to choose natural remedies before the aggressive and harmful chemo- and radiotherapy, we offer the recipe of prof. Karadzhov that has helped hundreds of people in Bulgaria to get cured in their efforts of cancer treatment or just to improve their health.

<http://honeypedia.info/cancer-defeated-by-propolis-honey-and-sauerkraut-juice>

(See this and other articles at *Honeypedia*)

Strain of Honeybee Virus proves even more deadly

Viral infections have been identified as a major factor in the continued decline of bee colonies, including the devastating, parasite-transmitted Deformed Wing Virus (DWV). Now, European researchers have shown that a recently-identified second strain of DWV is even more virulent than the established type, and the study calls for a better understanding of the genetic diversity of pathogens to help fight them.

The study, conducted by scientists in London, Belfast, and Germany, examined both strains of the virus, DWV-A and DWV-B. Lab tests found that the latter was much deadlier, with infected colonies collapsing faster than those infected with DWV-A. "Scientists have been searching for a cause or causes for the increased colony mortality that beekeepers have experienced over the past decade," says Professor Robert Paxton, of Martin Luther University in Germany. "The emergence of DWV-B in Europe may be just that cause."

The researchers also conducted field tests in Great Britain to determine the prevalence of each strain, and found that both were widespread throughout the country. "Our study reveals the geographic distribution of this virulent virus genotype in honeybees across Great Britain," says Professor Mark Brown of Royal Holloway, University of London. "This may help us understand regional differences in honey bee mortality." While DWV-A is commonly found around the globe, little is known about the status of DWV-B outside of Europe. Conflicting studies have reported both its presence and absence in North America, but either way, the researchers express concern that "Europe may be an important source of and/or route for the global spread of emerging & re-emerging DWV strains." The team concludes that its findings along with the knowledge gaps it reveals, highlight the need for a better understanding of genetic diversity of pathogens in order to better coordinate efforts to control them.



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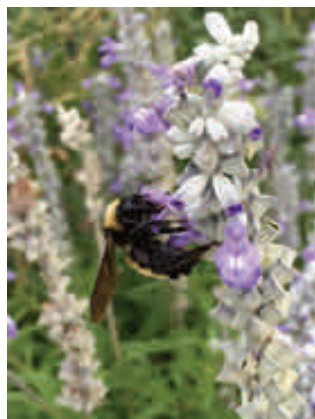
President's Corner

Getting to know you...

By: Greg Swob

As you receive this issue, the 2016 State Fair has just passed by us. Your June Cappings spoke about the fair, including how to enter your honey for judging and how to sign up to help at the KHPA booth and other information. This third quarter 2016 Cappings promotes the next big KHPA event – our fall conference. Originally to be in Dodge City, but moved to Hays as finding a venue to house the conference unfolded. I want to encourage you all to attend this fall conference and frankly, all of our future conferences if you can. Education is vital today with all the challenges we see in pests, bee health, nutrition, etc. We get a lot of timely information at these conferences from speakers who are heavily involved in research and development and authors of honey bee issues. Another good reason to attend is camaraderie. It is hard to place a price on this, but seeing old friends and making new ones is more than worth the price of admission alone.

New at your KHPA website – www.kansashoneyproducers.org we have started a new feature – **surveys**. Even those who are not members are also welcome to visit the website and participate in the surveys. Why a survey? The short answer is— to know who the beekeepers in Kansas are. Not necessarily their names, but— where they are; what style of hive they keep; how many hives and so forth. There are so many facets of a member's bee hobby or business we may like to know more about. We may be able to respond to the question- "Who is the typical Kansas beekeeper?" by having a definitive answer. This information will also help your Executive Committee better serve you, because we will know more about members' needs. If you have not participated in this first survey yet, please visit your KHPA website and take a moment to answer a few questions (a link to it is on the Home page). Your privacy is completely protected.



Bumblebee
on lavender
July 2016

As beekeepers are often considered 'farmers', one can't be a farmer without talking about the weather. What a year we've had! I choose to take no sides on the Climate Change issue debate. But having lived in Kansas for almost 60 years, one thing is very clear, our weather changes- yearly, daily, even hourly sometimes. Out in the western half of Kansas, drought has been a serious issue for the last five years. This year with an El Nino followed by a La Nina, interesting weather patterns followed. Locally, we have seen some very severe storms and frequent, nice rains, sometimes flooding!

Those rains were not just always when we'd like to have received them, but were needed to replenish aquifers. Working at a cooperative utility company gives me even more in touch with storms and their aftermath. In a July 13 windstorm, our company lost over 90 power poles. 23 of those were within three miles of our home. We had over 10,000 customers out of service at one time. Our rural home was dark for 17 hours and what a blessing it was once power was restored! One learns a lot about customer service during trying times as these. Also about 1,000 truckloads of tree debris were hauled to the local landfill from the city of Hays alone.

Since joining the Ks. MP-3 Committee (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan Committee), I have gained a greater understanding of the plight not only our honeybees, but also our native pollinators face. If you think our honeybees have it tough, consider what those important native pollinators deal with having no one looking after them? Many agencies are involved in the Kansas MP-3 - US Dept. of Army, Ks. Dept. of Transportation, Kansas Audubon Society, organic farm groups to name a few. I have also been invited to join a Ks. Dept. of Agriculture Stakeholders Committee by our governor. Having a voice there should prove helpful for our bees and native pollinators!

Being optimistic, I see some great things happening in Kansas for pollinators. To name a few – I-35 Corridor pollinator plantings; Topeka's mayor signed a proclamation recently to help Monarch Butterflies; ongoing work of Monarch Watch. We have a long way to go to help our managed and native pollinators, but with everyone pitching in, hopefully we will see good results on the horizon. After several years of planting lavender and other pollinator friendly plants, I can report seeing far more native bumblebees than ever lately. It's a tough world out there and we have a lot of work to do to help our native and honey bee pollinating friends survive and prosper. Join in please!

Greg

Tips on Showing Honey

If you sell honey you cannot afford not to compete in honey shows. Any time you can have a first place ribbon beside your honey display you can add \$\$ to your price. I will retire from competing at honey shows after the 2016 Kansas State Fair. That is because my philosophy is "Once you have won it all you should get out of the way and let someone else win." I was able to win a first place ribbon at the American Honey Show three years in a row and this year one of my entries was judged Best in Show. I will be giving a presentation on what it takes to win at the Kansas Honey Producers fall meeting in Hays. I will be divulging all my "secrets", some of which you will not hear anywhere else! Come to the meeting and learn how you, too, can bring home the blue ribbon if you are willing to put in the effort.

Norbert



Murder-suicide

Looking carefully at the photo, you will see results of a life ending struggle. A wasp and honeybee are forever entangled in a clinch of death. The bee appears to have killed the wasp, as its stinger is in the thorax. Obviously, the bee gave its life also.

The bodies were discovered at a bird bath in the backyard of Hays beekeepers, Angie & Justin Cook - August, 2016.

Getting to Know You...

A new feature at your KHPA website—our first member survey! We are asking our members next time you visit our website, please take a moment to complete the survey "Who is KHPA?" Your answers are completely anonymous. Why survey? It will help your organization serve you better! By knowing who our members really are, we can tailor education to fit the needs of our members more appropriately. www.kansashoneyproducers.org

Bees and Soybeans!

A self-pollinating crop like soybeans shouldn't have a need for bees. But recent research into the little-understood relationships between the two indicates there could be big bean yield benefits from bees. Creating more bee-friendly habitats could prove to be a worthwhile goal for soybean growers.

At Iowa State University (ISU), Matt O'Neal's lab started out looking for conservation practices that would encourage beneficial insects such as the syrphid fly larvae, which eat soybean aphids. "We were approached by the industry to look further at bees in soybeans," recounts the entomologist. "It's remarkable. We've seen more bees than I initially thought were there. During a single summer we collected close to 2,000 pollinators and some 20 different bee species.

"So can we prove they are there for the soybeans rather than the bee traps?" he asks. His team checked the bees and found 20-25% carried soybean pollen. In 2005, a Brazilian research project compared soybean seed production with and without honey bee colonies by raising plants in cages, and reported 50% higher yields when bees were present.

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Laurene Pridey - Minneapolis, Ks.

Laurene Pridey, passed away May 23, 2016. Her husband, Gale passed away Dec. 7, 2014. They were Life Members of KHPA. Laurene was born in Minneapolis, Ks. Feb. 4, 1935. She was very active in the First United Methodist Church in Minneapolis, including Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School director, Rock Club teacher and helper, Mission Committee Chair and missionary contact.

Survivors include son, Sam Pridey of Minneapolis; grandchildren Carli Rudder (Adam), Louis Pridey (Rosie); and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gale; infant son, Charles and grandson, Samuel. At the family's request, there will be no visitation as cremation will take place. A memorial service is being planned Oct 21 at her church.

Memorial contributions may be made in care of Carslon-Geisendorf Funeral Home— 500 S. Ohio, Salina, Ks. 67401

Kansas Honey Producers Assn. Fall 2016 Meeting Program



Sternberg Museum, home of some of the rarest fossils ever discovered, found right here in Kansas!

Friday and Saturday October 28th and 29th 2016

Meeting: Whiskey Creek Wood Fired Grill

Meeting Room 3203 Vine St, Hays KS

Sleeping Rooms: Days Inn 3205 Vine St, Hays KS

The fall meeting for the **Kansas Honey Producers Association** will be held in Hays Kansas. The great sleeping room rate at the **Days Inn** is \$65 plus tax per night. The hotel is adjacent to the **Whiskey Creek Wood Fired Grill** meeting room. The hotel rate includes a mini refrigerator and free Wi-Fi. It also includes a deluxe continental breakfast. It is a pet friendly hotel and charges \$10 per night for pets. Call the hotel at 785-628-8261 to make your reservation. Make your reservations by October 13th and mention the **Kansas Honey Producers** to get the \$65.00 rate. On Friday afternoon we will be touring the **Sternberg Museum of Natural History**. On the registration form is a separate spot to pay the fee for this.

Thursday, October 27th 2016—8:00 pm Executive Board Meeting at the Days Inn Motel breakfast area, just off lobby.

Friday, October 28th –Enter the South side door of the Whiskey Creek Wood Fired Grill, 3203 Vine St.

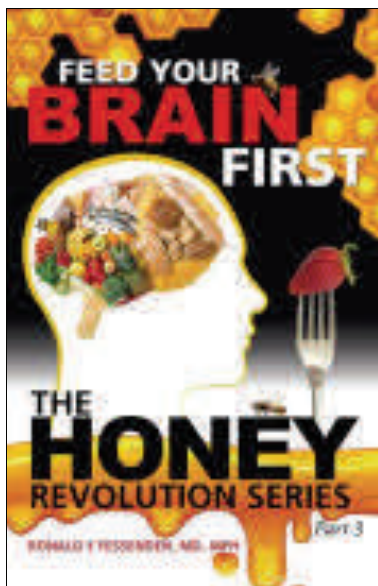
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| 8:00-8:45 | Registration (Silent Auction Set Up) |
| 8:45-9:00 | President Greg Swob - Announcements |
| 9:00-9:50 | Dr. Ron Fessenden “Why Honey? The Revolutionary Health Benefits of Honey” |
| 9:50-10:40 | Ed Colby-(topic to be announced) |
| 10:40-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-11:50 | “Bat Research” Curtis Schmidt will present on research currently being presented at Fort Hays State University. He is the Zoological Collections Manager at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History. |
| 11:50-12:45 | Lunch |
| 12:45-1:30 | Jim Kellie-Pesticides used in Agriculture and How it Affects our Bees |
| 1:30-2:15 | Tentative – Deb McSweeney |
| 2:15-2:30 | Elissa Jensen-- Fort Hays State University Bee Club |
| 2:30-2:50 | 2:30—End of Silent Auction & Meeting of Area Groups |
| 3:00-5:00 | Trip to Sternberg Museum of Natural History-fee \$9 per person to have been paid on your registration form. |
| 6:30-? | Dinner and Program Small-Scale Restoration of our Naturals Areas, Dr. Mitchell Greer presents. Dr. Greer is an Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Fort Hays State University. On our trip to the Sternberg Museum we will have an opportunity to visit some of the areas that have been restored. |

KHPA Fall 2016 Conference cont'd.

Saturday, October 29th

- 8:00-8:45 Registration & Silent Auction Set Up
8:45-9:00 President Greg Swob – Announcements
9:00-9:50 “How Honey Works – And Other things I Never Learned in Medical School” Dr. Ron Fessenden Presents
9:50-10:40 Ed Colby (topic to be announced)
10:40-11:30 “Preparing Honey for Competitions” Norbert Neal Presents
11:30-12:00 Topic to be announced
- 12:00-12:50 Lunch (Silent Auction Ends After Lunch)
- 12:50-1:40 Beekeeping in the Ukraine and Apimondia - Ed Colby's Gal Marilyn presents
1:40-2:30 KHPA Business Meeting and Officer Elections
2:30-2:45 Break
2:45-3:30 “So you want to become a Commercial Beekeeper” Jim Kellie will dispel some of the myths
3:30-4:15 Making Seed Balls—we will actually make some pollinator friendly seed balls to scatter around Kansas! Jo Patrick presents-but we all do the work

Future meetings: KHPA Spring 2017 Meeting, Friday and Saturday March 10th and 11th 2017 Topeka KS. Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Keith Delaplane**, Director of the **Honey Bee Program** at the **University of Georgia**.



Two of Dr. Ron Fessenden's books.

Those of you who subscribe to *Bee Culture* may read the column *The Bottom Board*. The author of that column is Ed Colby. Ed is a beekeeper from Aspen Colorado. He will be here with his gal, Marilyn. (That's what he calls his girlfriend). He promises to be an educated and entertaining guest speaker-what more could we want? He actually keeps his bees at 9000 feet and has been a beekeeper since 1995. He has about 60 hives and just retired from his job on the ski patrol. He sells honey and pollen and rents his bees for orchard pollination.



The Kansas Honey Producers Association Fall 2016 Meeting

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**Meeting Registration for both days-
 includes Friday both lunch and dinner and Saturday lunch:**

Per person if paid before October 17th (\$75 X _____) = _____
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 Dinner only on Friday (in case someone wants to join us) (\$18 X _____) = _____

Saturday Only, Fee includes lunch on Saturday

Meeting registration for Saturday only if paid by October 17 (\$40 X _____) = _____
 Children –lunch only no registration fee-under18 (\$9 X _____) = _____

Sternberg Natural History Museum Tour-3:00-5:00 Friday each (\$9.00 X _____) = _____

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association: __Renewal __New \$15.00 _____
Youth Membership 2017 (18 years of age or under) __Renewal __New \$7.50 _____
 Membership 2017 Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn: __Renewal __New \$15.00 _____

If registering October 18th or later add (\$10.00 X _____) = \$ _____
 If you are not a member of The Kansas Honey Producers add (\$10.00 x _____) = \$ _____
 Donation for Grant Project \$ _____

Note: No receipts will be sent Total \$ _____

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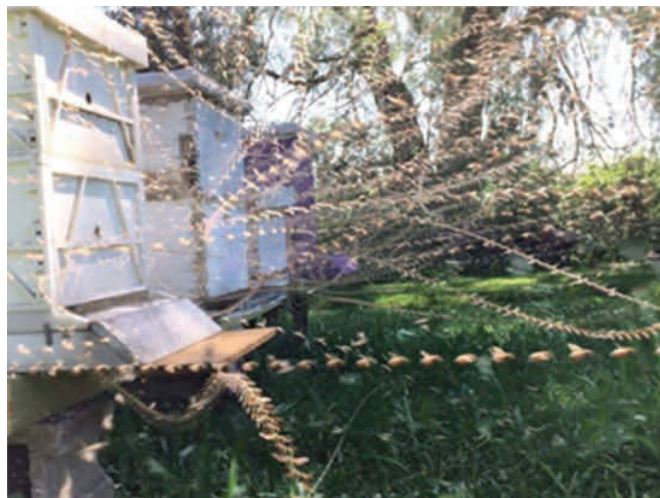
Registration & payment now accepted with PayPal at www.kansashoneyproducers.org

If you have questions please call me, Joli Winer, at 913-856-8356.

Something to see!



Colonies at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, Ks. managed by Gary La-Grange
July-2016



Time Lapse bee flights



Mother Earth News Pollinator Planting seeds are readily available through **Star Seed Co.** - 101 Industrial Ave. - Osborne, Ks. 785-346-5447 or 800-782-7311 www.gostarseed.com They offer a full line of MEN seeds such as Monarch Maker, Honey Pasture, and others

March 2016



Moonstruck Meadery in Bellvue, Nebraska offers 12 samples of various meads for tasting pleasure. Brian Schleuter, owner of **Moonstruck** spoke at the fall 2015 KHPA conference on his commercial meadery. He also generously donated several bottles for the fundraising silent auction at that meeting. If you find yourself in the Omaha area, be sure to stop by and enjoy not only their award winning mead but pizza also. Rumors are that it is very tasty!



Pollinator plantings in southeast Nebraska July 2016

Bees and Soybeans! From page 3

They are going to the flowers, but we don't know yet what that means for the plant," he says. "The challenge is to see whether they affect yield. There is some evidence in scientific literature that they may improve yields."

Read more at- <http://cornandsoybeandigest.com/soybeans/can-bees-build-soybean-yields>

Those Pesky Pests...

Public Enemy #1—Varroa Mite

How are you treating for Varroa mites? Recently, several folks have touted treating with Oxalic Acid. It is a terrific treatment choice. But, to be effective, it must be done in a brood-less state. **Dr. Marion Ellis** (UNL, retired) did an experiment that demonstrated this. He treated 30 hives with Oxalic Acid (drip method) 3 times at 10 day intervals. He also designated 30 hives as controls and they received no treatment. The experiment was done in July; all hives contained brood. At the end of the 3 treatments, Dr. Ellis examined the mite levels in all hives again.

There was no significant difference in the mite levels between the treatment and control hives! (Significance is measured at +/- 3% in scientific terms.) The reproduction rate of the mites out paces this treatment. **Dr. Ellis** says, if the treatments were done in September or October, when less brood is present in the hive, you might have slightly better results. But, for many of our hives, waiting until that late in the season is too late. The damage is already done and they will not have the opportunity to recover before winter sets in. **Dr. Ellis** was asked by Brushy Mountain Bee Supply to do a YouTube video on Varroa Mites and Oxalic Acid as treatment. You can find it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYfKP8majS0>



There is also a link through the Brushy Mountain web site.

There is little or no difference between the efficacy of drip/drench over vaporization methods. There is little or no difference in any potential harmful effects on brood. **Becky Tipton**

Another important hive pest—**Small Hive Beetle**. This photo was taken in May, 2016 of an infestation at an in-hive frame feeder. The telltale sour odor of fermented syrup gave it away immediately upon opening the colony. More on SHB control in a future issue.



Fall KHPA Meeting— Officer Elections

At this Fall 2016 KHPA conference in Hays, officer elections will be held on Saturday afternoon during the Business Meeting. The following officers are up for election and the nominees are:

First Vice President—Joli Winer

Third Vice President—Becky Tipton

Secretary—Marietta Graham

The three southern Region Director positions are also to be voted upon. Nominees for these will be derived from the Region meetings held Friday afternoon, Oct. 28. Only current KHPA members are permitted voice and vote at the meetings. Make sure your KHPA dues

Why is this space not filled?

It is missing you! Your story, your advertisement, your local news or even some great event of importance on the national or world-wide level could be here instead of a blank spot! Please send your news items, photos, etc. to me. My contact information is on page 2. Thank you! - Greg Swob—Editor Cappings

KHPA memberships can now be renewed online!!!

www.kansashoneyproducers.org



Tell us about your local market



Tell us about your local farmers market or roadside market. With KHPA members representing the four corners of Kansas and areas in between, there are certain to be some interesting local market trends to share with **Cappings** readers. Our readers would like to know— how does your market work? Are there any specific rules to selling at your market? What are your tips to be successful at your local markets? If you have photos, regulations, market tips, please send to **Cappings** Editor. Look for a feature article coming in the future on marketing locally. (Phonetic spelling is acceptable!)



Greg Rye from **Dakota Bees** in Colorado builds a horizontal hive using standard Langstroth frames. Dubbed the “Handicap Hive” it is equipped with lift devices attached to each side of the lid help people with limited lifting abilities inspect their hive. Stands can be customized for height to fit the operator’s needs He also manufactures an Oxalic Acid Vaporizer which is more affordable than most models on the market. Say hello to Greg at www.dakotabees.com

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New Bee Club at Ft. Hays State University

My name is Elissa Jensen and I’m from Hays, Kansas. I attend Fort Hays State University as a sophomore this year. We have recently added a Bee Club to the University. The Bee Club focuses on the importance of honeybees and their spectacular benefits to this world. In western Kansas, beekeeping is a rare hobby, which makes the club unusual to most students. Having a Bee Club on campus has broadened the interest of a lot of students. The club was officially started in January of 2016, just three months later in April we added a hive to campus, behind the University garden. The club has twenty members signed up. Our club will soon have a fall meeting in September to discuss events we will be attending, such as Oktoberfest and other events on campus. We just finished Science Day at Sternberg Museum where we shared with children the importance of honeybees.

Earth Day was a huge success for the Bee Club. We had a lot of members signed up during that time, we also had an observation hive which was very popular to the students. The Bee club also had the opportunity to save a hive from a tree on campus, after a big wind storm had blown over the tree. We plan to extract honey from our campus hive this fall. We hope to inform people with the importance of honeybees and pollinators, since they have a huge impact on humans! We have a hive on campus near the FHSU Community Gardens. The bees are doing great and we’re hoping to get honey this fall!

Elissa

Editor note— Only a handful of college campus bee clubs exist in the US. Kansas is fortunate to have this group of *young people show such an interest. This club is an off-shoot of the FHSU Sustainability Organization. FHSU President, Murta Martin PhD is very supportive of the club and was happy to approve their official application status once university club requirements were met.*



For Sale

Gently used **Dadant 6/12** frame motorized adjustable speed extractor. The owner is asking \$750. New, these sell for around \$1,200+. Owner is retiring from beekeeping due to health reasons and asked me to help her sell the unit. If interested— please contact Greg Swob at 785-639-7766 or email at: gswob@mwenergy.com

2016 Kansas State Fair Honey Show Results

Adult

Extracted Light	1 st	Norbert Neal	Elk city
	2 nd	Bridget Lee	Topeka
	3 rd	Kimberly Lee	Cummings
Extracted Dark	1 st	Norbert Neal	Elk City
	2 nd	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
Frame	1 st	Joli Winer	Spring Hill
	2 nd	Kimberly Lee	Cummings
	3 rd	Bridget Lee	Topeka
Creamed	1 st	Joli Winer	Spring Hill
	2 nd	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
Beeswax	1 st	Kimberly Lee	Cummings
	2 nd	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
Art & Design	1 st	Bridget Lee	Topeka
	2 nd	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
Candles	1 st	Joli Winer	Spring Hill
	2 nd	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
Gift Pack	1 st	Joli Winer	Spring Hill
	2 nd	Bridget Lee	Topeka
	3 rd	Kimberly Lee	Cummings
Chunk Honey	1 st	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
	2 nd	Rogan Tokach	Abilene
Comb Honey	1 st	Kimberly Lee	Cummings
	2 nd	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
Cut Comb	1 st	Kristi Sanderson	Olathe
	2 nd	Rogan Tokach	Abilene
Best of Show		Kristi Sanderson	Olathe

2016 Kansas State Fair Honey Show Results

Youth

Extracted Light	Browns Busy Beekeepers	Abilene
	BSA Troop 225	Olathe
	Jenna Collins	Paola
Extracted Dark	Taylor Risner	Lindsborg
	BSA Troop 225	Olathe
	Kyler Seck	Hutchinson
Frame	Jenna Collins	Paola
	Browns Busy Beekeepers	Abilene
	Taylor Risner	Lindsborg
Gift Pack	BSA Troop 225	Olathe
	Blake Kaiser	Lincolnvile
	Browns Busy Beekeepers	Abilene
Best of Show	Boy Scout Troop 225	Olathe

Lunch with Sam-

I was invited to attend the Ks. Department of Agriculture luncheon at the Ks. State Fair on Thursday, Sept. 15. This turned out to be one of the best 'free lunches' I've ever had! My intent was to plant some seeds with the Ks. Secretary of Agriculture about the importance of and protection for managed and native pollinators in Kansas. As luck would have it, **Gov. Sam Brownback** sat beside me to enjoy his meal! Just about any conversation I have with anyone sooner or later turns to beekeeping and this one was no exception. After discussing the importance of and the plight of pollinators in Kansas, the Governor asked 'what can we do to help?' This resulted in him calling a brief impromptu meeting with Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, **Jackie McClaskey** and me. **Sec. McClaskey** in turn asked me if I had an interest to become part of the Kansas Ag. Stakeholders Committee? (That is precisely what I was hoping for!) She mentioned that a lot of concern and interest has been expressed lately over pollinators during recent Ks. Board of Agriculture meetings and our pollinator protection messages would be welcome. I thanked her for allowing me the opportunity to be a voice for our ever-important pollinators in Kansas. More to come as this rolls on. Gov. Sam was also excited to hear how honeybees could help soybean production at his farm.

Greg



SW Region News

Greetings from the Southwest Kansas Region!

Like the Marines, SW Kansas Beekeepers are the few, the proud, the Beekeepers of the Kansas prairie.

The worst drought since the 1930's finally broke this year, bringing the prairie to life again. Those of us in the eastern part of the region had a very good year this year, with one person getting two full harvests at the end of the summer. Some of us still have supers on their hives allowing the bees to give us the last of the alfalfa and take advantage of the sunflowers abundant both in nature and grown commercially. Those of us with new hives were able to get them established this year, and hopefully they will survive through the winter and provide us honey next year.

Bill and I moved to SW Kansas less than 3 years ago. It is a "whole other country" out here for beekeepers, and I have learned a lot. Like most livestock, raising bees requires a deep knowledge of their water and food sources. Scott City, near where we live, is 50 miles from the Colorado border and 50 miles south of I-70. Most importantly it and most of our region is in a "rain shadow" caused by the Rocky Mountains. Therefore, the rain falls north, south and east of us, while we have clear dry skies. Providing water for my bees is essential. If they cannot find it nearby they are forced to use the large irrigation wheels on the nearby farms. That does not make for good relations with the farmers! I put a birdbath in our garden, and it quickly became a bee water fountain. Twenty or more bees are there at all times..

There are few natural food sources for our bees. The vast expanse of wheat, corn and milo do not feed bees, nor does the natural grassland used for pasture. Fortunately, quite a bit of alfalfa is grown in the area. Many beekeepers move their bees to the alfalfa fields, and some keep them in the local state park part of the year. In SW Kansas the cities are a better food source for bees than the country. Gardens and landscapes in town are concentrated food sources for our bees.

Rather than move our hives from place to place, my husband Bill and I decided to landscape the yard on our farm in the country in a bee friendly manner, and plant one acre of alfalfa. This turned out to be a rather expensive and time consuming method of raising bees in SW Kansas. I would not recommend it to anyone trying to make a profit from beekeeping. But it does make for a beautiful yard, and hopefully eventually will provide enough food so our bees can give us honey.

There is one other requirement for beekeepers in SW Kansas. Strap down your hives! Ours are strapped to a base of two cinderblocks each. They survived several storms with 65 mph winds and one tornado. Perhaps our bees are members of the Marines too. Happy Beekeeping!

Carolyn Simpson

Youth Grant Finishes Year Two

The end of this year marks the official end of our first Youth Grant recipients, **BSA Troop 225**, in Olathe, and **Brown's Busy Bees**, 4-H Spin group in Abilene. These two programs have achieved so much! Each has met and exceeded our expectations. Several of the youth have become so interested in bees that their families are now keeping bees themselves. Both programs look like they will continue on, providing instruction, sparking interests, pollinating gardens, and making delicious honey. Although the kids may grow and move on to other things, the time they spent with the bees will undoubtedly give them a greater understanding of the bee's role in the food cycle and appreciation for the importance of our honey bees. Thank you so very much to the adult leaders, mentors, parents, and the KHPA member board for making this dream a huge success. We will look forward to giving you all a pat on the back at our up-coming meeting in Hays and hearing more about your adventure.

The **Stringtown 4-H** Spin group with **Danny Decker** as Mentor is completing their first season of beekeeping. We will look forward to seeing them in Hays, too.

If you know of a youth group interested in adding beekeeping to their curriculum, please direct them to our Youth Grant application on our web site. This grant proposal is targeting organizations serving a wide variety of youth and not intended for individuals or private households. The application process is simple. All applications for 2017 must be postmarked by October 15, 2016. Selections will be made and mentors secured during our October meeting.

Becky Tipton

By-Laws Committee News

You will be receiving a copy of revisions for the KHPA Constitution very soon by mail. A copy is attached to this Cappings for those who receive it through email. Your By-Law Committee has been working diligently on some revisions and minor edits. Any Constitution Amendment or edit changes require a 2/3 majority vote at a KHPA Business Meeting. The Amendments and revisions will be presented to be voted upon at the Fall 2016 KHPA conference in Hays, Oct. 29, 2016 during the Business Meeting portion. Proposed revisions appear in **red color** or as strike-out marks in wording that is to be deleted.

As a reminder, only those with current membership status are permitted voice and vote at these meetings, so please make sure your dues are current.

Tidbits

Getting to Know You...

A new feature at your KHPA website—our first beekeeping survey! The next time you visit your association website, please take a moment to complete the survey “Who is KHPA?” Your answers are completely anonymous. Why survey? It will help your organization serve you better! By knowing who our members are regarding regions, experience level, etc. we can tailor education to fit your needs more appropriately. See the survey link on the homepage ag: www.kansashoneyproducers.org



Robert Burns demonstrating Oxalic Acid Vaporization techniques for Varroa Mite control at Morford Lavender Farm Aug. 2016

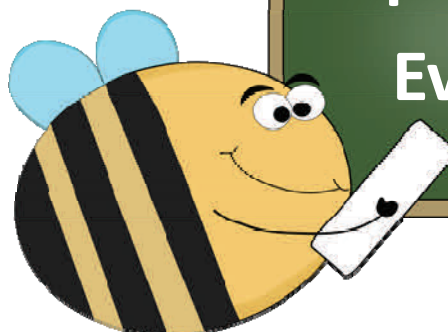
BBQ—Backyard Beekeeping Questions

I was near my hives yesterday and they had an unusual odor! Kind of like a locker room smell! What might that be?
Prairie beekeeper

A— Great question, Prairie. I think I have a good idea what your nose is detecting. Around Labor Day in much of Kansas, a regular fall floral visitor appears. **Goldenrod**. It is of the Asteraceae family with around 120 known species. These perennials are found in meadows, prairies, road ditches and many other rural areas. Many beekeepers welcome the blooms as they provide a late season forage feast for honeybees and other pollinators. But most all beekeepers would agree that they wish they'd pulled honey before Goldenrod blooms just for the very reason you stated—that dirty sock locker room smell and it can add a taste with a 'bite' to honey. Trivia- Goldenrod is the state flower for Nebraska and Kentucky. Goldenrods are considered good luck or good fortune in some cultures.

Send your BBQ requests to Cappings Editor: Greg Swob— 1569 Toulon Ave., Hays, Ks. 67601
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Upcoming Events



Western Apicultural Society

Annual meeting and honey conference
Oct. 13—15, 2016— Honolulu, Hawaii
www.westernapicultrualsociety.org

2016 Fall KHPA Meeting

October 28 & 29, 2016 at Hays, Ks.
Whisky Creek Wood Fired Grill—3203 Vine St.
www.kansashoneyproducers.org
Reservations at Days Inn 785-628-8261

The Mother Earth News Ks. Fair

Topeka, Ks.
Oct. 22—23, 2016
Kansas Expocentre—1 Expocentre Dr. Topeka

North American Beekeeping Conference

Joint meeting of American Honey Producers Assn. &
American Beekeeping Federation

January 2017 Galveston, Tx.

Galveston Island Convention Center

www.abfnet.org

KHPA Spring 2017 Meeting

Friday and Saturday March 10th and 11th 2017 Topeka KS. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Keith Delaplane, Director of the Honey Bee Program at the University of Georgia.

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Kansas Honey Producer's Association Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# _____ *E-mail Address* _____

Membership Kansas Honey Producer's Association per year (Jan.-Dec.) \$15.00 _____

Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 _____

Additional family member's names:



Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____ American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$21.50 _____

Bee Culture Magazine (formerly "Gleanings") 1 year subscription \$25.00 _____

Donation Amount _____ Total Due _____

Make checks payable to: KHPA or Kansas Honey Producer's Association or pay on line at www.kansashoneyproducers.org

Mail to: Robert Burns, 7601 W 54th Terrace, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66202 Phone# 913-831-6096 or email- rburns@kc.rr.com

The Kansas Honey Producer's Association is a non-profit IRC 501(c)5 agricultural-educational organization, run by dedicated volunteers, and supported primarily by membership dues (subscriptions). The IRC status means that the association is a tax-exempt organization. While donations are always welcome, they are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. However, membership dues and subscriptions may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KANSAS HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

In order to better promote the use and marketing of honey, to promote better beekeeping practices within the State of Kansas, and to increase harmony and cooperation among the beekeepers of Kansas, we as members of the beekeeping and honey producing industry of the State of Kansas do hereby join together and establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Kansas Honey Producers Association (KHPA).

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

This organization shall be a not for profit entity designed to: advance and foster the interests of Kansas honey producers by promoting honey and other bee-related products, secure beneficial legislation, develop a spirit of mutual encouragement and cooperation, increase knowledge of bees and beekeeping practices, invite into membership all beekeepers residing within or managing bees within the State of Kansas, and foster the promotion and protection of all pollinators.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any person interested in apiculture and who is in agreement with the purpose of this association may apply for membership.

Section 2: The membership dues of The Kansas Honey Producers Association may be set at any regular meeting and shall take effect the following January 1st. Membership dues are payable by January 31st each year and are considered delinquent after that date.

Section 2a: Memberships may be obtained as either Individual or Family Memberships. Individual Membership is for one person. More than one person per household may obtain an Individual Membership. Each person in the household must obtain an Individual Membership to have the privilege of voice and vote on KHPA matters and the possibility of being considered for board positions.

Section 2b: Family Membership is one membership for all persons living in a household. All persons in the household with a Family Membership have voice at all KHPA meetings, but there is only one vote per Family Membership, and each Family Membership shall be counted as one person for purposes of quorum and majority votes.

Section 3: Provisions may be made for Life Membership to be granted. Guidelines for Life Membership may be set or revised at any regularly called meeting of the Association.

Section 4: Provisions may be made for Youth, *Complimentary*, or other types of *special* memberships as deemed necessary by approval by membership at any regular meeting. *These are non-voting memberships.*

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers of the Kansas Honey Producers Association shall be the President, three (3) Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) Regional Directors (see part 3 of bylaws). All shall be legal residents of the State of Kansas and at least 18 years of age at the time of election. In addition, Regional Directors shall reside in the area that they represent. The Elected officers and the Regional Directors shall make up the Executive Committee (~~13~~ 12 members).

Section 2: The term of each officer shall be two years or until a successor is qualified. Terms shall expire at alternate years to provide continuity of leadership. Regional Directors may be nominated by their *respective* regional members *regions and elected by the general membership* for a maximum three (3) consecutive two-year terms (6 years total). Regional Directors may be re-elected to their designated area after a hiatus of at least two (2) years.

Section 2a. Odd years: elections for President, 2nd VP, Treasurer, Northeast, North Central, and Northwest Regional Directors.

Section 2b. Even years: elections for 1st VP, 3rd VP, Secretary, Southeast, South Central, and Southwest Regional Directors.

Section 3: Duties of the Officers

PRESIDENT :

- In charge of all organization business
- Ex Officio Member of all committees
- Oversee the general work of the organization

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:

- Program Chairperson
- Work closely with the President and other officers
- Substitute for the President as required
- Report to the Executive Committee and the general membership

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:

- Oversee or be liaison person for the Kansas State Fair Booth
- Honey Show Coordinator (Kansas State Fair)
- Oversee, render assistance to, and be liaison to State Apiary operations
- Report to the Executive Committee and the general membership

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:

- Direct promotions of the organization
- Oversee or be liaison person for fund raising for the association
- Submit articles or notices to national and local beekeeping publications and local media to help promote the organization
- Oversee or be liaison person for other booths, presentations, or exhibits supported by the Association. (This could include a honey queen or ambassador.)
- Oversee or be liaison person for youth and/or other scholarship or educational grant programs funded by the Kansas Honey Producers
- Report to the Executive Committee and the general membership

SECRETARY:

- Keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee meetings and the general meetings
- Handle assigned correspondence
- Assist with registration at the meetings
- Report to the Executive Committee and the general membership

TREASURER:

- Receive and keep an accurate record of all monies for the association
- Assist the Executive Committee with the development and approval of the annual budget (spring meeting)
 - Budgeted items will include expenses related to the Kansas State Fair, Programs, Promotions, Scholarships and Grants, and special activities
 - No officer or program chairperson may extend their budget by more than 10% without the express permission of the Executive Committee (a special meeting may be called if the need arises)
- Pay bills approved by the Executive Committee
- Complete any and all financial statements required by the Internal Revenue Service or other governing agency
- Work closely with the Secretary and Editor of the association newsletter (The Cappings) to maintain and provide accurate membership information

- Assist the secretary during registration at meetings to receive registration fees
- Report to the Executive Committee and the general membership

REGIONAL DIRECTORS

- Represent the needs of their respective areas to the Executive Committee during committee meetings
- At the discretion of the President, a nominating committee will be selected from the Regional Directors to fill officer vacancies.
- At the discretion of the President, 2 or 3 regional directors will conduct an annual audit of the treasurer's records

ARTICLE V – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of the regularly elected officers of the Association. and the Regional Directors.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall have power to transact any and all business between meetings of the Kansas Honey Producers Association. The Executive Committee may adopt, direct, and make such policies as are deemed necessary during such periods. Business may be conducted in person or through electronic communication (e.g. email or teleconference or other technologic means).

Section 2a. The President shall be the officer to call any such special meetings to order.

Section 2b. If an Executive Committee Member feels it worthy to call such a meeting, the member shall make that request of the President and he *the president* will notify all Executive Committee members. Section 2c. A quorum of Executive members will be required to vote on any items of business needing action during the special meeting. (A quorum will be a minimum of 7 of the Executive Committee members.) voting affirmative for the presented motion to pass.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the general meeting or meetings of the Association in order to establish the Agenda for the business meeting and to facilitate transactions during the business meeting. The President is at liberty to invite other persons of interest to the executive committee, including but not limited to the newsletter editor, web master, State Yard Coordinator, past presidents and/or other established committee members. KHPA members may request an audience with the Executive Committee by contacting the President prior to the Executive Committee meeting in order to discuss concerns or issues related to the management of the association.

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall produce a budget for the organization each year during the spring Executive Committee meeting and present it to the membership during the general business meeting.

Section 5: Attendance—missing two or more consecutive Executive Committee meetings *shall* may be considered grounds for removal from office.

ARTICLE VI—FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Kansas Honey Producers Association shall coincide with the calendar year

ARTICLE VII—GOVERNMENT

Section 1: The Kansas Honey Producers Association shall be governed by rules and regulations established by a majority of members present and voting at a regularly or specially called meeting.

Section 2: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall serve as a guide for the business meeting, voting, and discussion.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

Section 1: There shall be at least one regularly called meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers Association each year. Under normal circumstances, two regular meetings shall be held each year; one meeting in the spring and one in the fall of the year.

Section 2: The regular meeting shall be held at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Committee. The time and place of said meeting shall be published not less than thirty days before the meeting date in the official publication of the organization or in a special edition notification (hard copy or electronic publication).

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall have power to call special meetings when deemed necessary. Notice of such meetings may be given in the official publication of the organization provided that it is published and mailed or sent electronically not less than ten days before the date of the special meeting. Otherwise, the Executive Committee shall notify the membership of the special meeting by sending written notice by mail or electronically to the members not less than ten days before the special meeting.

Section 4: Fifteen (15) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at a regular general business meeting.

Section 5: General business meetings shall follow the Agenda given in Part II of the attached Bylaws of the Association.

Section 6: All matters to be submitted to the regular meeting shall be previously submitted to the Executive Committee for preliminary deliberation. The President shall have the privilege of ruling out-of-order any such matters brought before the meeting contrary to this provision.

Section 7: Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, all matters shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting.

Section 8: In the case of a Special Meeting, only those matters for which the meeting was called may be discussed and acted upon.

Section 9: Only members in good standing (whose Membership Dues are paid for the current year) shall be allowed the privilege of voice and/or vote at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX—ELECTIONS

Section 1: At the meeting previous to the General Meeting in which Election of Officers is held (normally the Election of Officers occurs at the Fall Meeting), a Nominating Committee of not less than three *Regional Directors* nor more than five persons shall be appointed by the President to secure a slate of candidates for the election.

Section 2: Only those members in good standing shall be permitted to vote.

Section 3: Candidates for any office in the Association must have been a member in good standing for at least one year prior to the election.

Section 4: Any candidate shall be at least 18 years of age at the time of the vote and be a current resident of Kansas.

Section 5: Election of Officers shall be by secret ballot. To be elected to office, the candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast in the election. *In the event an office for election is uncontested, election may be processed by acclamation vote, so long as the following steps shall be taken:*

a. Nomination Committee has met and only produced one nominee.

b. Nominees shall be asked from the floor.

c. If no additional nominees are obtained, vote for only those uncontested offices may proceed by way of Acclamation.

d. Any voice vote not resulting in a clear winner may be determined with a secret ballot vote.

Section 6: Nominations for the various offices may be made from the floor of the regular business meeting.

Those placing a name in nomination shall have determined that the proposed candidate is a member in good standing and is qualified and willing to serve if elected before placing the name into nomination.

Section 7: In the event that an officer cannot complete his/her elected term due to resignation, *removal under Article V Sec 5*, long-term illness, incapacitation, or death, the following steps may be taken:

For President, the first Vice President will serve in the Presidential capacity until the next general membership meeting where a successor may be nominated and elected.

For all other offices, the President will choose another executive committee member to complete the duties of the absent officer. A permanent replacement may be nominated and elected at the next general membership meeting.

Regional Directors will not be replaced until the next general meeting, allowing the members of the affected region the opportunity to select new representation nomination for the Executive Committee. *nominate candidates for their Regional Director.*

ARTICLE X—PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Section 1: The Kansas Honey Producers Association may carry on such promotions of honey, other beekeeping products and practices, and information on pollination practices as may be deemed advisable and may work with other agricultural commodity producer groups and with the Kansas State Board of Agriculture on mutually beneficial projects.

Section 2: The Kansas Honey Producers Association may establish and maintain a Honey Ambassador or Scholarship Grant Program(s) for the purposes of education and honey promotion.

Section 3: The Kansas Honey Producers Association may work with national organizations on mutually beneficial projects. A member of the Kansas Honey Producers Association may be designated to attend one or more of the national meetings and bring back a report of decisions, recommendations, and actions taken to the KHPA.

ARTICLE XI—LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Section 1: The Kansas Honey Producers Association may encourage such legislation as may be beneficial to beekeeping, honey sales, and honey quality. The KHPA shall work with government agencies at various levels to secure beneficial rulings and practices for the honey-producing industry.

ARTICLE XII—ASSOCIATION APIARY

The Kansas Honey Producers Association may establish a Kansas Honey Producers Association Apiary for the purposes of teaching beekeeping practices, the production of honey used in promotional booth(s), and for providing income for the various activities of the Association. The Second Vice-President, working in conjunction with the decisions made by the Executive Committee, shall govern the Kansas Honey Producers Association Apiary.

ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS

Section 1: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular meeting, provided that the proposed amendment was published at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in the official publication of the Association (regular edition or special edition) and/or published hard copy, electronically, and/or posted for access to all members.

Section 2: This Constitution and accompanying Bylaws shall be in effect from the date of adoption at the regular meeting of the organization. All other previous constitutions are repealed.